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CONSECRATION.

Lord, I would consecrated be,
In word and deed and thought to thee;
I would that all my ransomed power,
That every year and day and hour,
Might glorify Thy name.

The fields are white with ripening grain,
The lab'ers still so few remain;
O that I could so worthy be
That I might cry, "Dear Lord, send me
To gather in the sheaves."

Or if the task I thus would seek,
Should prove too great for hands so weak;
Show me, dear Lord, where I may glean
The scattered ears that fall unseen
By other eyes than thine.

Some lonely and neglected spot,
By other gleaners all unsought;
Where some ripe grain may yet be found,
Low in the tangle near the ground,
Ungathered and unbound.

—Elizabeth Patten.

THE WORLD'S FAIR AND MISSIONS.

THE Columbian Exposition will of necessity have an influence on missions. Without doubt God will so overrule that the result will be for the betterment of humanity. But God sometimes allows his people to delay direct good and to cause temporary disaster.

Never has a nation had a better opportunity to impress itself upon the world. Neither the Paris nor any other Exposition has had so many accessories as are proposed here. The assemblies devoted to religious and moral questions are an important feature. More than a hundred of these congresses are to be held in a building provided for the purpose by the city of Chicago in coöperation with the Directory of the World's Fair and the Chicago Art Institute. This building has two halls each capable of seating twenty-five hundred people. Here the nations of the earth will hear discussions of education, industry, art and literature, philanthropy and charity, moral and social reform, religion, science and philosophy, civil law and government.

There is in the minds of some persons a question as to the wisdom of the Congress of Religions. But if in the arrangement there is no especial recognition of the systems which represent to us heathen countries we see no harm in the presentation by them of their forms of belief. As Elijah showed the falsity of the pretensions of the priests of Baal by giving the heathen god a chance to show what he could do, so Christianity need not suffer by a comparison with any heathen system. If, however, the arrangement is such that it becomes understood by the nations holding these beliefs that as a people we place their systems on a par with Christianity, much harm may result. We can speak more wisely of this matter in the light of later developments.

There is another way, however, in which there is greater danger of our losing our opportunity of blessing to the world. As a reputed Christian nation we are supposed to embody in

our whole social system the results of years of devotion to Christian principles and living. The non-observance of the Sabbath by so many of the people of Chicago, the terrible liquor traffic carried on under cover of law (6000 new places are said to have been recently licensed in order to accommodate the Fair), the lack of recognition of God in so many quarters as the author and giver of our prosperity—all these cause anxiety as to whether the preponderance of influence will be for good or harm. Much prayer should be offered by all mission workers that God will overrule so that his kingdom may not be delayed, but that its coming should be hastened by this great opportunity.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

The preparations for the presentation of the present status of woman's work impress us as showing in a wonderful way the strides forward which have been made during recent years. We can but feel that the results of the Congress of Women will carry inspiration and helpfulness to women throughout the earth. As the elevation of this half of the race will advance missions with wonderful rapidity, we note with profound interest the plans for the World's Congress of Representative Women to be held under the auspices of the Woman's Branch of the World's Congress Auxiliary May 15-22.

Invitations have been sent to every national association of women in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland, and to individual women of eminence in Italy, Greece, Spain, Poland, Russia, China, Japan, South America, New Zealand, Austria, Holland, Turkey, Iceland, Mexico, Switzerland, and India, to send representatives to this special Congress.

Rachel Foster Avery, Secretary, says, "The intention is to make this a memorial congress, and to have its papers and addresses chronicle what the congress itself will celebrate; namely, the progress of woman since the discovery of this con-

tinient in 1492. Each country represented in the congress is expected to send reports showing woman's advance in that country along the various lines above mentioned, setting forth her present educational opportunities and the agencies through which these opportunities have been received, also the objects now sought in each country by its leaders.

"Eight rooms in the art palace will be set aside for the use of the eight general departments into which the work of the congress is divided (one room being assigned to each department), and in these rooms will be conducted a constant series of special conferences of an informal character, which will enable women engaged in the same work to become acquainted with one another and also with the various methods by which the work is prosecuted in different parts of the world.

"In the other seven halls meetings of the various associations represented in the advisory council of the congress will be held, each association to have one day for its own special use, arranging its own program, providing its own speakers, and with its own officers presiding. Those who have already completed their preparations are as follows: The Woman's National Indian Association, Association of Collegiate Alumnae, American Society of Authors, Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Woman's Republican Association of the United States, National Council of Women, Woman's Western Unitarian Conference, Columbian Housekeepers' Association, National American Woman Suffrage Association, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Reformed Church in the United States, International Council of Women, Non-Partisan National Women's Christian Temperance Union, Young Ladies' National Mutual Improvement Association, Wimodaughsis, International Kindergarten Union, Woman's National Relief Corps, Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of the Eastern Star, Loyal Women of American Liberty, National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian

Women, International Young Women's Christian Association, National Woman's Relief Society, National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity, Woman's Centenary Association of the Universalist Church, and the Woman's National Alliance.

"One hall will be used each day of the week for the especial purpose of hearing and discussing reports of organizations.

"Nine meetings may thus be in progress simultaneously, two in main halls and seven in the department halls, giving a wide variety of choice to the thousands who will assemble in Chicago during this most interesting week.

"Monday will be devoted principally to the opening of the congress, the addresses of welcome, introduction of foreign delegates and their responses in behalf of their respective countries. Tuesday the morning addresses in the large halls will be on the civil and social evolution of woman and the administrative ability of woman, in the evening on woman the new factor in economics, the industrial position of woman in Germany, and the industrial position of woman in France; Wednesday, the ethics of dress, woman on the stage, the new womanhood of Italy, our debt to Zurich and to Brussels, and woman in the pulpit; Thursday, woman as a financier, woman in municipal government, the political future of woman, the solidarity of human interests; Friday, woman's war for peace, woman as a social leader, the professions and trades underlying the home, woman in science, woman's place in the republic of letters; Saturday both sessions will be devoted to the presentation of the work of women in organizations, considered in respect to religion, philanthropy, education, moral reform, and political liberty, with a general discussion of the economy of woman's forces through organization. Sunday morning there will be a religious service entirely conducted by women ordained as ministers, representing every denomination which has admitted women to the ministry, and the congress will close Sunday night with a sacred concert with music com-

posed, rendered, and conducted by women, and a closing address on the influence of the Columbian Exposition in woman's development.

"Amongst the noted foreigners who will attend this Congress are Madame Isabelle Bogelot of France, treasurer of the International Council of Women; Miss Kirstine Frederiksen of Copenhagen, recording secretary of the International Council of Women and president of Dansk Kvindesamfund; Lady Henry Somerset, the Countess of Aberdeen, Mrs. Alice Cliff Scatcherd, Mrs. Cobden-Unwin, Lady Harberton, Mrs. Ernest Hart, Mrs. Florence Fenwick Miller, and Mrs. Ormiston Chant of England; Miss Meri Toppelius and Mrs. Ebba Norqvist, representing the two national associations of Finland; Dr. Marie Popelin of Brussels; Madame Fanny Zampini Salazar of Italy; Miss Hulda Lundin, principal of the Sloyd of Stockholm; Miss Augusta Fenger representing Dansk Kvindesamfund, Mrs. Nico Beck Meyer representing de Samlede Kvindeforeningen, and Mrs. Olesen representing the Kvindeligt Fremskridts Forening of Denmark; Dr. Ella Mensch of Darmstadt, representing a Frauenverein; Fraulein Augusta Foster of Kassel and Frau Hedwig Heyl of Berlin; Miss Helen McKerlie of Ireland; Mrs. Edith J. Archibald, Dr. Emily Howard Stowe, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Tilley, Mrs. Judge Foster, Mrs. Mary McDonnell, Mrs. Dr. E. A. Blakely, Mrs. May L. Gibbs, Dr. Augusto Stowe Gullen, Miss Madge Robertson of Canada.

DR. O. R. BACHELER AND WIFE RETURN.

THE return of our veteran missionaries recalls an incident which interested us eight years ago. The India field was in critical need of help. A call was sent forth for a young man to go at once to the field. No one responded. Then Dr. Bacheler and wife, whose furlough had but partially expired, said, "We will go"; and four days later, without waiting to bid good-by to their children, they were on their way. The follow-

ing poem, written by Mrs. V. G. Ramsey at the time, we reproduce from the *Morning Star* by request :

IN HASTE.

[Written on the fourth departure of Dr. Bachelier for India.]

A cry comes over the waters—
A wail of sorrow and pain—
From the weary and fainting toilers
Who have cried so often in vain.

“ Help, for the field is laden
From the sowing of fifty years ;
And the ripening grain will perish
For which we have wrought with tears !

“ Our hands are so weak and weary !
The harvest so precious and great !
We call in the name of the Master ;
O help, e'er it be too late ! ”

Who hears ? Are the young men stirring—
The young men strong for the strife ?
Do they haste in the dear Lord's service
To offer the bloom of life ?

Nay, the young men have beautiful gardens
Where the roses and lilies grow,
Where the trees 'neath their fruit are bending ;
They tell us they cannot go.

Who hears ? Aye, the wayworn veteran,
Who a moment had leaned on his shield—
He hears, and in haste he girdeth
Himself anew for the field.

In haste ! There are loving children,
There are brethren tender and true—
Shall he leave with no farewell blessing,
Nor pause to bid them adieu ?

Yes, in haste ; for the call is pressing,
And the Master's work must be done !
He never may see his loved ones
O never beneath the sun !

There are perils and hardship before him,
And toil and sorrow and pain;
But in haste and in silence he goeth
To work in the harvest again.

Alone, yes alone, we have sent him,
Though the field is so needy and wide.
He may fall at his task overweary,
But the Master will stand at his side.

He will garner the sheaves he has gathered
When the work of his life he lays down,
And the brow where the almond has blossomed
Will glow with the conqueror's crown.

PARTNERSHIP IN PUSHING FORWARD THE GOSPEL PERSISTENTLY EXERCISED.

[Extract from a sermon by Rev. Arthur E. Cox, preached before the Cumberland (Me.) Q. M.]

"For your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now."
—PHIL. 1: 5.

JOY in praying! This is the fact for which our text gives an explanation. A veteran apostle in a Roman prison lets his thought travel across the Adriatic, and prays for a body of Christians in the Macedonian city, Philippi; and he declares that he has special gladness in praying for them. He "makes his request with joy." Now why?

Our text states that it is "for their fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now." Fellowship! That means partnership, a sharing of interest with another. Fellowship in the Gospel! That does not mean simply agreement with gospel truth. This of course is involved, but is not what the expression signifies. The Revised Version translates the text as follows: "For your fellowship in furtherance of the Gospel from the first day until now." Conybeare and Howson translate it, "For your fellowship in forwarding the glad tidings." The idea is that these Philippian Christians had fellowship or partnership in pushing forward the Gospel so that it might

touch other lives. In the seventh verse Paul says that "in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel they were partakers with him of grace."

"From the first day until now." This shows that the partnership or fellowship on the part of the Philippians was persistently exercised.

We summarize, then, the thought of our text in these words: Partnership in pushing forward the Gospel persistently exercised. This feature of the Philippians' Christianity made Paul's intercessions in their behalf exercises of delight. It gave him assurance that the church planted under his labors years ago in much affliction was making healthful progress towards maturity of character in Christ Jesus (verse 6).

Can we believe this feature of Christianity other than important to the churches of to-day? Is the religion of Christ one thing in the apostolic age and another thing in the year 1892? Methods change, customs change, but principles remain. And this partnership in pushing forward the Gospel persistently exercised is necessary to progressive piety to-day.

I. Pushing forward the Gospel.

1. The Gospel has universal adaptation. Christ commands. that it be carried to "all nations" and into "all the earth."

2. It has in its very nature the property of spreading. Our Lord compared it to the pervasive leaven and to the luxurious mustard plant.

3. However, in both these parables the human agent appears as necessary to push forward the Gospel.

4. It is our business to push forward the Gospel (*a*) into every corner of our own hearts—every little nook where may lurk pride, covetousness, ill temper, evil thoughts, despondency; (*b*) into godless homes in our own community; (*c*) into destitute places in our State; (*d*) into opening fields in the West and South; (*e*) among heathen devotees, our fellow mortals held by galling superstition across the sea. All this is our business to do up to the limit of our opportunity and ability.

5. Rigid restriction to home work logically leads to the hermit's creed.

The hermit makes no business of working for others, but finds enough to do in battling with his own heart; and that he may concentrate on that he chooses solitude. Is not this the identical principle of those who say that the home field must be completely worked before we attempt the "regions beyond"?

As against this view the Bible teaches that we gain as we give (Prov. 11 : 25 ; 2 Cor. 9 : 6). This principle applies to churches as well as to individual Christians. Attention has been called to the fact that home enterprises, such as Sunday-schools, city missions, etc., have come since the church began to give and labor for the heathen. Andrew Fuller is said to have testified that "cases of conscience" were common among his church-members prior to the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society, but that when the people became interested in Carey and his work for India these difficulties disappeared.

God's plan as revealed in the New Testament was to have foreign mission work proceed contemporaneously with home mission work. God commissioned Paul to go "far hence unto the Gentiles" while there was still work to be done in Judea (Acts. 22 : 21). Other apostles recognized that Paul was as truly sent of God to the heathen as they were to the Jews (Gal. 2 : 7). The Gospel, in short, was designed to be published everywhere, and with that idea the church is taught to push it forward.

(To be continued.)

ONE WOMAN'S FAITHFUL WORK.

IT is now a little more than twenty-seven years since we began our mission work at Harper's Ferry, and though several of the workers have passed over, and Bro. Morrell died in the agency and on his way here from New England, Mrs. Kate M. Boothby, who died Feb. 17, was the first to fall right here in our midst.

Mrs. Boothby was a missionary of our Woman's Board, who has for a little more than three years been a faithful teacher in the sewing department of the school and at the same time a most earnest religious worker.

During much of that time we have been without a pastor, and her services in keeping up the interest in the religious meetings have been invaluable. Many young people date the beginning of their religious experience at meetings held in Mrs. Boothby's sewing-room.

During the month of January this year many extra meetings were held, and a few professed faith in the Lord ; and it seemed as if Mrs. Boothby, always vigilant and earnest, could not be denied the great outpouring her heart desired. Many hours were spent in prayer-meeting when she was in need of fresh air and relaxation.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, at our weekly meeting, led by another teacher, Mrs. Boothby was quiet till near the close, when she rose and uttered what seems now a prophetic warning to all the unconverted to accept Christ now, for it might be her last opportunity to warn them. It startled some of us a little, for it was not her usual way. Friday afternoon she told the girls in her room that she wanted to talk, but not about the work. Then a good portion of the period was spent in religious instruction, with Matt. 5 as a foundation for her lesson, from which many practical hints were drawn.

That evening she went on a visit in the country with some friends, intending to return on Saturday. She was persuaded to remain over the Sabbath, was taken very sick in church on Sunday, came home violently ill on Monday ; and, though she had the best medical care and most careful nursing possible, death came to her relief on Friday, an hour before the arrival of her only daughter from New Hampshire. Sunday the 19th was a sorrowful day on Camp Hill.

After the body had been started on its way to her New Hampshire home we all assembled in chapel for a memo-

rial service. Many were the tributes brought by teachers and students to the Christian zeal and faithfulness of Mrs. Boothby. One young woman on whom she had bestowed much loving labor and care rose in the midst of the service to ask us to pray for her.

Let our Woman's Board be thankful that it has such lives to give to the Board's work. N. C. BRACKETT.

SELECTED NOTES ABOUT WOMEN.

MISS MARY REED, the young lady missionary who was stricken with leprosy some months ago and has consecrated her life to work among lepers in India, will take up her residence in the leper hospital at Chandag. She has been living alone in a little bungalow near Miss Budder's school at Pithoragarh.

Communications from Persia to English papers credit Miss Bradford, an American missionary, with remarkably faithful service during the recent cholera epidemic. While others fled she stayed bravely at her post nursing the sick, and by her efforts many lives were spared.

There are two Chinese girls studying medicine in the University of Michigan who mean to return to their country as missionaries. They have exchanged their names for those of Mary Stone and Ada Rahn.

When Lady Dufferin began her scheme for the improvement of the physical condition of women in India, seven years ago, it was hardly expected that in so short a time such striking results would be achieved. Last year 466,000 women received medical treatment. The staff now consists of nine women doctors and thirty-one assistants, and the number of native and Eurasian women under instruction steadily increases. Women are arranging for a congress of Christian missions in connection with the World's Fair in September. The theme of orators like Lady Henry Somerset and Mrs. Ballington Booth will be woman's share in the world's evangelization, and historical

papers and general discussions will serve to make this factor in the modern missionary movement still more apparent. Dr. Schauffler calls attention to the fact that, while the Congregationalists have many institutions for training men for foreign missions, they have not a single school for training women missionaries. This refers of course to theological and special training.

In view of the establishment at the World's Fair of a department for work done by women in different parts of the world the industrial school of the American Lutheran mission at Guntur, India, is planning to send some of the work done in that school to the exposition for sale, the profits to be applied to an endowment fund for the school.

CULLED BY WILDIE THAYER.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AT STORER COLLEGE.

RUSKIN says in his "Queen's Gardens," "To be a good cook means the knowledge of all fruits, balms, spices, of all that is healing and sweet in fields and groves, savory in meats; it means carefulness, inventiveness, watchfulness, willingness, and readiness of appliances; it means the economy of your great-grandmother, the science of modern chemists; it means much tasting and no wasting; it means English thoroughness, French art, and Arabian hospitality; it means, in fine, that you are to be perfectly and always ladies, loaf-givers, and you are to see that everybody has something nice to eat." All this and more we are trying to realize in our work at Storer College.

It is a pretty and interesting sight as you look in upon the busy, laughing workers in our demonstration kitchen, with white caps on their heads and white aprons to protect their dresses.

The dishes are all prepared by themselves, and after the lesson they pass criticisms as to the quality of the cooking. At each lesson we have a little talk on the science and chemistry of cookery. For we are trying to learn the facts and princi-

ples which lie behind the art. For example, the classes in cooking, to be sure, learn to boil eggs and broil steaks and make coffee; but they also learn what happens to the egg as it is boiled, and why one degree of hardness is more wholesome than another. They learn, too, why it is wicked to fry a steak when there is a gridiron anywhere obtainable.

There are only ten in a class, as it is impossible to teach in one room in a practical manner a larger number.

Two of the girls in each class act as housekeepers while the others cook. And so, as the kindergarten song says:

“We learn to set the table, we learn to make the fires,
We learn to draw a cup of tea, the cup that never tires,
We learn to wash the dishes and keep the kitchen neat,
We learn to move more gently and quietly to speak.”

We can imagine some of these same girls a few years from now presiding over neat and well ordered households of their own. The girls have been very attentive so far, missing few if any lessons, and many have shown an earnestness and anxiety to learn that would make glad any teacher.

We hope much for this department; and though it is now only in its infancy there is no reason why it should not spread out and grow and grow. Surely the need for it is very great.

MARION G. VAIL.

SOME RESULTS OF STORER TRAINING.

THERE is nothing that brings greater joy to the heart of teachers than the knowledge of the success and usefulness of those who have been for some time under their instruction. The teachers of Storer often feel the burdens lightening as they read words of appreciation from those who have left her halls and have entered upon life's work. It is only fair that the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society who so generously share with us the work should also have occasionally the joy of catching glimpses of the results of the labor—their labor.

The following comes from a young man who is a native of Liberia and intends to return as a missionary to his own land when he has completed his education. He is now a member of the senior class at Oberlin College.

"I have been hearing very good reports from time to time of Storer and its work. Such intelligence always makes me joyful; for no other place, Oberlin not excepted, has a dearer claim on my affections. I rejoice also to hear such favorable tidings of those alumni who have gone to other institutions to complete their studies. Never before was I more profoundly persuaded of the fact that a school is reflected through its students. Would that we always bear this in mind, especially when away from under its immediate custody. I am proud to tell you that my standing so far is good; in some studies very good. I am glad to say, too, that two of the brightest of the class are going to Africa as missionaries."

From a letter recently received from the young lady who has just resigned her position as teacher in Weston, Va., to undertake the work of assistant matron in the National Home at Washington, D. C., we clip the following:

"Do not feel that I have not valued to the fullest extent the kind instruction received at Storer. My devotion shall ever be the same, no matter what my employment. I shall feel that to always render my best services will be an honor due my *alma mater* as long as I live."

A preacher who took a theological course at Howard after graduating here writes:

"My church is small, about fifty, so you see I have to work very hard to do anything with it; but I remember your teachings, to be faithful wherever we are and it will insure success in greater things, so I am here until the Lord sends me somewhere else if he wills."

The following comes from a young lady who graduated last year from the normal department and is now teaching in Virginia:

"I was very glad to hear from you. I have been very successful in my school work so far. Your kind letter found me very busy working with my school entertainment, which was quite a success and was held Dec. 24. I have not had any serious trouble as yet, though I find it, as you told me, very different from attending school. I thank you very kindly for your instruction and your corrections. I am glad you have a full school and only wish I could be in school, but I am studying hard."

One who took a college course at Bates after leaving here writes :

"Of the many ways in which I was benefited by attending Storer College, I have always considered among the greatest the economy acquired from the suggestions of my teachers. It was here I laid the foundation of that frugality that enabled me to go through college without getting in debt. Yet, better than them all, it was here I became a Christian."

A pupil who was in Pittsburg, Pa., during the summer, earning money, and is now in school again, wrote before returning to Prof. Hatter, who has charge of the carpentry class, as follows :

"I will ask you to impress upon the minds of the young men in your carpenter class that the time they spend in it is worth equally as much or more to all or a part of them than the time they spend in any other class in school. When I was in there, by working fast and hurrying at everything I took hold of, it was like a good recreation to me without losing any time. It was also a great help to me in getting out my other lessons. It was a great refreshment to my mind. And when I was away from school during the summer I made a dollar a day over and above my regular salary from what I had learned in the carpenter class in a part of one winter. I hope you will continue to impress upon the minds of the class that what they learn in it will be a great help to those that have their own way to work through school."

The words that follow are from Miss Ella V. Smith, who has

been a teacher at Storer since her graduation from the classical department in '91. Miss Smith is educating two nieces here, one of whom expects to enter upon the college course at Mount Holyoke next year. She says:

"I feel that I owe a great deal to the training both mental and spiritual which I have received at Storer. It was within her walls, under the influence of her faithful Christian teachers, that I decided to become a Christian.

"It was there that my eyes were first opened to the great need of faithful, earnest workers among my people; and a resolve already partially formed to spend at least a portion of my life as a teacher was strengthened and confirmed.

"As an institution of learning I love her not only for what she has done for me; but because she is able to give to so many of my brothers and sisters who are not able to attend more expensive schools an opportunity of receiving a fair education, thus fitting themselves for the duties of life.

"Indeed, her very situation, surrounded as she is by nature's great beauties, has the tendency to call forth all that is good, true, and beautiful in the hearts of her children, to arouse their highest and purest sentiments, and to fortify them against the evils which they must meet in places where the hand of nature has been less lavish in the bestowal of loveliness and beauty."

CORRESPONDENT.

AFRICA.

FOR the following items we are indebted to the *Missionary Review*:

How vast are the spaces contained within the boundaries of this colossal continent, and spiritually how desolate. All Europe could be put into an area in Central Africa that has not a single missionary. A thousand men scattered over those 12,000,000 square miles are equal to about 18 men for the whole of France, 10 for Great Britain, 4 for England, about the same number each for New York and Ohio, and 1 only for Massachusetts and Connecticut together.

The encouraging developments for Africa's future are (1) nearly all parts of it are open for the Gospel; (2) through the energy and skill of the French the desert of Sahara is becoming a garden. Within a few years 12,000,000 acres of land have been made fruitful by artesian wells. Thus instead of a barrier it may become a highway for the Gospel. (3) Africa is now a center of the world's enterprise. Johannesburg, a town in the Transvaal (a republic in South Africa), has grown up within ten years so that it has a population of over 40,000, with modern appliances of light, cars, etc. (4) The building of railroads. A new one has recently been completed of ten miles in length. (5) Missionary work is being extensively organized. In Liberia are American missions of the Protestant Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian churches, American Baptist Missionary Union, Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the African Methodist Episcopal church.

The British South Africa Company, dominates a large territory populated by tribes which for centuries have been sunk in superstition and addicted to barbarous customs. Of the Bantu race, numbering, it is supposed, about one-fourth the population of Africa, the most interesting are those speaking the Zulu dialect, all of whom are accessible, if we except the Amazimu on Lake Tanganyika, to missionary operations. God in his providence has sent the Anglo-Saxon race to the southern part of the continent to prepare the way for the dissemination of his truth. The Bible, religious tracts, and elementary school-books in the Zulu language are available.

In Natal itself the missionary prospects were never brighter.

It is now 150 years since the first Hottentot was baptized by the Moravian missionary, George Schmidt. There are at present in Cape Colony, under the direction of the Moravian church, 11 flourishing stations, with 22 missionaries and about 9,300 souls in their care; 1 normal school and 19 common schools at the stations, with 2,200 scholars; 2 ordained natives, 2 assistant native ministers, and about 150 native assistants.

In the Congo region at the present time there are 3 Catholic missions and 8 Protestant, among which is that founded by Bishop Taylor. There are 28 stations and 95 missionaries.

Since 1887, when missionary labor began at Lake Tanganyika, 11 missionaries have fallen and 11 others have been forced to withdraw. But 3 centers of labor are firmly established, 2 Gospels have been translated, the people have learned to assemble for worship, and converts are being baptized.

This is but a partial account of the work being developed, but it indicates what is being attempted.

FROM THE FIELD.

A VISIT TO AN INDIAN QUEEN AND HER HOUSEHOLD.

AN annual *mela* or festival occurs in the territory of the Raja of Khandrai. He invited Dr. Bachelier and his native preachers to attend this year, and the doctor invited us on our way from Contai to join him there. We went in a bullock cart, but when within three miles of the palace found the road so badly broken we preferred to walk.

It was Sunday morning when we arrived, and we found Dr. Bachelier and the native preachers were just going to have a service in Bengalee, at the Raja's request, in his presence. Sachi delivered a very powerful discourse, and I could not help thinking of Paul before Agrippa. The king's household were in the zenana before us, but concealed behind a screen in such a way they could see and hear all that was going on without being observed.

Every day during the festival a procession of men, boys, and women passed our door. In the midst of it was a Brahman carrying a goddess under a large red umbrella. The queen

sent me an invitation to visit her. When I first went one of the women presented me with a very pretty bouquet, and another, when I was leaving, gave me a small bottle of attar of roses, very fragrant. They invited me to sit on the only chair in the room, but I laughingly declined, saying I would sit on the rug on the floor with them. They seemed so delighted to see some one from the outside world, and asked all sorts of questions in Bengalee.

The second visit was made in company with Dr. Mary Bachelier, who had come in the meantime to join her father. After the usual hand-shaking ceremony had been performed, and after a nice long conversation with them all, they would have us sing in Oriya, Bengalee, Hindu, and English.

On the occasion of our third visit we were invited into the inner apartments. We were taken from room to room, from veranda to veranda, through corridor after corridor, until we reached the queen's own room. Here, I confess, I quite expected to see something more than ordinary. Imagine my surprise when I saw a large room so dark I could only see a large bedstead in it, and some pictures of gods and goddesses hanging on the walls. The floors were uncovered, and not even a chair in the room. There was not a window to admit either light or air, and only one door, the one by which we entered. We passed several other rooms as dark as this one, the lodging-place of other women. But oh! the ornaments and fine embroidered garments are evidently the source of their delight. Some of these were lovely beyond description. They do set off their pretty hands, arms, and feet to perfection.

The Rani is plain-looking, but has a very sensible face, and is evidently a woman of great personal influence. More than once I saw that a flash of her dark eye meant a command to be instantly obeyed.

We were invited into their private garden also, in which was a large tank where the ladies bathe. The garden was surrounded by a high, covered wall, and contained both vegetables

and flowers. As we walked along in the company of the ladies they laughed and chatted with us very freely, some of them taking us by the hand affectionately, plucking the green peas and giving them to us to eat.

To our great delight we found several of these ladies could read, having learned in their girlhood. We gave them some books, and, as one of their number could read Oriya, I gave her a book of poetry in that language, which tells of salvation, and tried to teach her the tune. This little book has been greatly blessed, we have heard of a number who have been led to forsake sin and to accept Jesus as their Saviour from a perusal of its pages.

The day before leaving that neighborhood we were invited to see them again. This time they took us all over the place, both up stairs and down. They took us into a large room which contained an inner room very strongly locked. This room contained their most precious jewels. Oh! the sight of diamonds, rubies, pearls, etc., was dazzling to behold; but the prettiest sight of all, in the midst of so much sparkling beauty, was that of Dr. Mary teaching the daughter-in-law of the Raja and her little son to sing a sweet Christian hymn in Bengalee. That was a sight never to be forgotten. The cheerless, dark room, the dark yet bright, intelligent faces around us, the jewels glittering by the dull light of lanterns—let us hope that the singing of a Christian hymn in the midst of all this may have made an impression on their hearts. We lingered long in their company, they seemingly unwilling to have us depart. They told us over and over to think of them and to visit them again.

When we were going to return to our lodging-place we lost our way, there had been so many turnings here and there. They laughed and said they would keep us, and asked what our friends would do in that case. We said they would come and look for us. I could not help thinking how many dark deeds might transpire in such places and none be any the wiser.

We tried to tell them of Jesus and his love, but our words did not seem to produce much effect. We left some little printed gospel messages among them, and can only hope and pray that the good seed may fall into good ground, being prepared perhaps even now for its reception and for the bringing forth of much fruit afterwards.

LIDA J. HALLAM.

HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

THE other day we were visiting our branch church at Cittrapatra. When going from house to house in the village we found a heathen mother who said, "I do not allow my daughters to go to the dances. It is a bad place for them. They mix up with the men and boys, and learn bad songs, and get no good." She does not even let them go to a wedding in the village, because they always have dancing. On the whole the Santal dance is no worse than the American.

This woman has a husband and four children, whom she mostly supports herself. One afternoon I found her making large leaf-plates. After the plates are made, by pinning the leaves together with fine sticks, they are dried and pressed, then tied in packages of twenty each. I asked her how many she sold for a pice. She said, "Usually I have to give three packages." Just imagine how this busy housewife earns her living. She goes to the woods, gathers a large bundle of green leaves; bringing them home on her head, she spends several days in sewing them together, then dries and presses them. Again she carries them on her head to market a distance of five or six miles and sells them at the rate of sixty for a half cent! Early and late she is working in every way possible to bring in a pice to feed her little flock. Thousands upon thousands are in the same condition.

This woman was very anxious to become a Christian, but her husband first threatened to leave her, then begged her to wait until he would be ready. Said he, "You have waited so long for me, now wait only one month more, then we will be

baptized together." His wife says that he has been in the habit of praying for a long time, and even when he comes home half-intoxicated he will not eat his rice until he has asked a blessing.

Wonder if there are not many professing Christians at home who fail to return thanks to the good Father for all his blessings? Two or three years ago this woman was very ill and not expected to live. She fully believes that God healed her in answer to prayer, since she has great faith in prayer. Her oldest daughter was baptized last Sunday, and as soon as we return to Bhimpore we expect both her and a younger sister to come to our boarding-school. It only costs sixty-two cents a month to support a girl in our school. Please remember this, dear sisters, when you are tempted to spend your money for useless trinkets. Listen to the still small voice telling you to send it across the ocean to help these poor ignorant children.

J. P. BURKHOLDER.

Camp Ulda, February, 1893.

ONE A DAY.

WHEN you rise in the morning, form the resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow-creature. It is easily done; a left-off garment to the man who needs it, a kind word to the sorrowful, an encouraging expression to the striving—trifles in themselves light as air—will do it at least for the twenty-four hours.

If you are young, depend upon it, it will tell when you are old; and if you are old, rest assured it will send you gently and happily down the stream of time to eternity. By the most simple arithmetical sum look at the result. If you send one person, only one, happily through each day, that is three hundred and sixty-five in the course of the year. And supposing you live forty years only after you commenced that course of medicine, you have made 14,600 beings happy, at all events, for a time.—*Sidney Smith.*

HELPS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

THE CONCERT CALENDAR, 1893.

January, The World; *February*, China; *March*, Mexico; *April*, India and Burma; *May*, Malaysia; *June*, Africa; *July*, United States; *August*, Italy and Bulgaria; *September*, Japan and Korea; *October*, Scandinavia, Germany, and Switzerland; *November*, South America; *December*, United States.

PROGRAM FOR JUNE.

A Study of Faith.—Faith in Christ.

It is a gift of God. (Eph. 2: 8.)

It is the work of God. (1 Cor. 2: 5.)

It is a gift of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12: 9.)

Christ the Author and Finisher of. (Heb. 12: 2.)

Scriptures designed to produce. (2 Tim. 3: 15; John 20: 31.)

Preaching designed to produce. (Acts 8: 12; Rom. 10: 14; 1 Cor. 3: 5.)

Faith is precious. (2 Pet. 1: 1.)

Faith is most holy. (Jude 20.)

Faith is fruitful. (1 Thess. 1: 3.)

Faith accompanied by repentance. (Mark 24: 47.)

Faith followed by conversion. (Acts 11: 21.)

Consider briefly work in our India mission field, as referred to in letters in this number, including Mrs. Boyer's in "Children's Niche."

[See article, "Africa."]

Compare dimensions of Africa and other countries.

Let five persons give reasons for encouragement about Africa's future.

Speak of missions in Liberia.

In South Africa.

In Natal.

Among the Hottentots.

In Congo region.

At Lake Tanganyika.

[Subject for discussion. The World's Fair and Missions. See editorial on that theme.]

A YOUNG man was being examined preparatory to uniting with the church. "Under whose preaching were you converted?" inquired the pastor. "Under nobody's preaching," was the reply. "I was converted through *my mother's practising.*"

WORDS FROM HOME WORKERS.

- INDIANA. — I am glad to tell you that a few of the mission workers of Noble Q. M. are still trying to "hold the fort." We have our regular Q. M. society meetings and they are increasing in interest. Our collections usually run from three to five dollars, besides our Auxiliary dues, which are small. We divide by the card system, using our home money for our State, and 'educational for Hillsdale College. I think very good seed is being sown in our Q. M. and State which will spring up in an abundant harvest, perhaps in the next generation, but we cannot probably see great results for a few years.

JENNIE WATKINS.

Wolf Lake, Ind.

The last session of Noble Quarterly Meeting W.M.S. of Indiana was held in the beautiful new church at Burr Oak. Sister Mary Belch, president, opened the meeting by reading Scripture. Prayer by Mrs. F. M. Watkins. A good program was carried out, consisting of songs, recitations from the children, select readings by some of our sisters, and an address by Mrs. Watkins, followed by short speeches by Rev's H. A. Huey and Watkins. Collection \$3.81. Pray for us that we may become stronger in the work.

MRS. OLLIE BANKS, Sec.

KANSAS. — The W. M. S. of the Cloud and Republic Q. M. met with the Summit church Saturday, Feb. 25. The exercises consisted of Scripture reading by the president, prayer by Mrs. N. L. Abbey; singing, readings, and recitations. A recitation by Miss May Clayton, "Push a Pound," gave some grand thoughts, showing us if we cannot do great things we can all push our pound, and by each one so aiding it helps to move the great missionary car on to success. Collection \$3.79. Benediction by Rev. Brown.

MRS. C. POOLE, Sec.

Salem Q. M.—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Salem Q. M. held a public meeting with the Denton church Saturday evening, Feb. 4. The meeting was opened by a song from the choir entitled, "The Roll Call," Scripture reading by Mrs. N. L. Abbey, and prayer by the president, Rev. Lucy E. Dodge. A short program was then given, consisting of songs, recitations, and an interesting paper by Mrs. M. N. Stillwell of Horton, Kan. Rev. J. J. Hull of Sioux Falls, S. D., was present and gave a very earnest talk on our mission field and its needs. Collection \$8.36.

HATTIE A. DODGE, *Sec.*

MAINE. — A public meeting of the W. M. S. in connection with the Sebec Q. M. was held at Dover, Me., March 18. President, Mrs. A. B. Emerson, in the chair. A paper, "Why Should We Be Interested in Missions?" by Mrs. Nellie Wade Whitcomb, was not only full of words of cheer, but the reason *why* we should be interested in missions was so plainly stated that all who listened must have been impressed with this thought, that "to do" for missions must be not only a duty but a privilege as well. Rev. L. W. Nickerson spoke of the encouragements in the work for missions, briefly citing statistics to show what has been accomplished through missions during the last fifty years. Dea. E. D. Wade followed with a paper; subject, "Woman's Work in Missions." Beginning with the women of the Bible he traced their work from that time down to the present, showing that woman's mission has ever been to do and minister to others. Collection \$6. A most encouraging feature was the large number present at the business meeting, which bespeaks a revival in interest in behalf of missions in our Q. M. May it prove only a few drops before a more plentiful shower. • E.

East Parsonfield.—Perhaps a word from this place will not be amiss. The Auxiliary was reorganized last September with five members, two have united since. We are a small band, but will do what we can for the Master's kingdom. Last

December our esteemed sister, Mrs. P. B. Allen, sent to Harper's Ferry a box of bedding (with small tokens from two other sisters) valued by Rev. N. C. Brackett at \$25. Although four-score years of age Sister A's deep interest in both home and foreign work says plainly, "She has done what she could," and good results are growing therefrom. MRS. E. D. M.

The *Phillips* F. B. Auxiliary speaks but seldom through the columns of the HELPER, though we are readers of that valuable and rightly named helpful magazine, and co-laborers, we trust, in the great cause of missions. Sunday, Jan. 22, we sat in the shadow of a great sorrow, for two of our little band and members of our church lay dead in their homes.

Sister Phebe, widow of the late lamented Brother Abner Toothaker, was seventy-two years old, and had been a member of our society since its organization; a sweet, loving, helpful woman, there was inspiration in her quiet presence as long as she was able to meet with us, and when she became an invalid her kindly, generous interest was still manifest. Sister Roxie Kinney was fifty-six years old, and her case is especially sad. She came with her husband and two daughters to our village a few years ago, and they built for themselves an earthly home. Her husband preceded her to their heavenly home by ten months, and the dear girls are indeed orphans. After her husband's death Sister Kinney sorrowfully took up her duties, bravely striving to bear her loss; but those who loved her most knew that she was grieving her life away. Both were faithful, earnest workers in our church. While I am writing I wish to mention another, who, though removed from us by death some time ago, we still miss. Sister Abbie Farmer was for several years a member of our society, and when suffering a long and hopeless illness continued to send with the yearly pledge loving words that touched our hearts. May God comfort all the mourning hearts in the bereaved families. L.

North Berwick. — The W. M. S. held a meeting at Saco in connection with the York County Q. M. Feb. 2. The prayer-

service at 2 P. M. was led by Miss Belle Bickford ; subject, "The Gospel Message." The thoughts presented were helpful and suggestive. In the absence of the secretary Mrs. B. A. Parker was elected secretary *pro tem*. The use of thank offering boxes, W. M. S. envelopes, and the normal leaflets by Mrs. V. G. Ramsay, was recommended. The president, Mrs. A. B. Webber, delivered an able and instructive address ; subject, "Looking Outward." Her views of the work were very clear and comprehensive. Bro. B. C. Jordan gave a very interesting address ; subject, "State Missionary Work." He indorsed and urged the card system of raising money to meet the great need. Collection \$7.68. Meeting adjourned to the vestry for a workers' conference. Many helpful suggestions were made and plans for the work discussed.

LIZZIE S. PARKER, *Sec. pro tem*.

MASSACHUSETTS. — The ladies of the Brockton F. B. church extended a cordial welcome to the W. M. Society, which met with them in February in connection with the Massachusetts Association, making the service of greater interest and profit by their kindly aid toward its program. Mrs. McCoughey rendered an opening solo and Mrs. Bradbury led us in prayer. Mrs. Martin of Chelsea gave us the one hundred and third psalm as our Scripture lesson, and as the words fell from her lips they seemed indeed those of "blessings." The duet by Mrs. McCoughey and Miss French was very pleasing, as also the select readings, "How Zenana Missions Began," by Miss Byram, and "The Missionary Story," by Miss Haley. The report of our new State HELPER agent, Mrs. E. P. Moulton, shows the wisdom of the appointment in the good results already gained. Mrs. Howard of Lowell, in a short but very interesting paper, brought to our notice "that latest enterprise of F. B. women, the establishment of the new department of domestic science," or the "Cooking School" of Storer College, Harper's Ferry, "where hands as well as heads were to be educated"! The need of such a department was clearly shown by the enthusiasm

and eagerness to learn of the pupils, and the faithful instruction of Miss Vail as their teacher. The Massachusetts women are especially interested in this work, having pledged the first hundred dollars toward its support. Mrs. Gerrish of Whitman gave a most earnest, thoughtful paper on our "F. B. Zenana Work in India"; the needs and importance of its faithful prosecution; our opportunities in this line, which would be more fully met when the whole church unitedly felt the responsibility and largeness of the work and realized more fully that the Master's call "Go ye" applies to all his disciples. Mrs. Ricker of Haverhill spoke of the annual thank offering service, urging its observance in every F. B. church. The time, any date in the month of May most convenient to the local church. Let us remember with gratitude and thanksgiving that our America is of all lands the most just and kindly toward its women. Our president, Mrs. Emery of Boston, gave an account of her visit to the annual meeting of the W. M. society of the Rhode Island district, and the appointment of one of their number to visit us at our October session, that the correspondence by delegate be continued, as it has been of mutual interest. The beautiful solo, "Cast Thy Bread upon the Waters," sung by a young miss, made a most fitting close to this service. May it echo still in our hearts.

CLARA A. RICKER, *Cor. Sec.*

Haverhill, Mass.

MINNESOTA. — In the Winona and Houston Q. M. we have four Auxiliaries, one with each church. We hold a public meeting on the Saturday evening of each session of the Q. M., consisting of recitations, papers, music, etc., by the ladies and children. We have a bank for "birthday offerings" in each Sunday-school.

MRS. C. W. DENNIS.

NEW YORK. — *Poland.* Our society, though small, is quite active. We have in the past two years raised \$100 towards our new parsonage, beside sending \$20 yearly for our foreign mission work, our society dues. We are this year working to get

carpets for the parsonage, making a rag carpet at our meetings, and shall purchase a carpet for the parlor and shades for the windows. Should like to have you report through the *HELPER* that we have a Mission Band of our young people organized about a year ago by themselves, the older ones not knowing of its existence until they had held several meetings. Their meetings are held once in two weeks, each one bringing two cents; the meetings are conducted by the members in turn, and the exercises consist of singing and readings of a missionary character. They have given \$5 for the parsonage, sent quite a nice box of articles for Mrs. Bachelier's work in India, and they now have nearly enough money to get a hall lamp for the parsonage. We feel that in them is our hope for our future work.

Yours in the work,

MRS. KATE V. SPRAGUE.

PENNSYLVANIA. — The Washington Q. M. W. M. S. met with the Lake Pleasant church Feb. 4, 1893. The missionary prayer-meeting preceded the following exercises: singing by the choir; prayer by the president, Mrs. Wm. McLatchy; responsive scripture reading between Miss Crawford and other ladies; dialogue by ten little girls; select readings by Statira Owen and Mrs. Marion Canfield; solo by Elder Irwin; recitations by Lola Parker, Ella Williams, Walter Heminway, Nellie Owen, Gertrude McLatchy; selection by four children; exercises by six girls; reading of letters from several Auxiliaries; remarks by Mrs. Carrie Heminway on "The Needs of the Missionaries." Collection \$3.62.

ALICE WINCHESTER, *Q. M. Sec. and Treas.*

SOUTH DAKOTA. — At the regular monthly meeting of the Sioux Falls Auxiliary, Feb. 10, 1893, the following program was carried out: The president opened the meeting by reading from the tenth chapter of John the beautiful lesson of "The Good Shepherd," making some very interesting comments on the subject, followed by an earnest prayer; minutes of previous meeting read and approved; roll-call, to which each

present responded by a passage of scripture ; a spicy paper on "What Are The Benefits To Be Derived from Woman's Clubs?" was read, which elicited a lively discussion. The following questions were given to be answered at the next meeting: From what place does the railroad now being built to Damascus (Palestine) start? From what era do the Chinese reckon time? Who was the first missionary to the United States, and who the first convert? When and where was the first Free-will Baptist church built? Do foreign women coming to the United States take out naturalization papers the same as men? The advisability of adopting the reading course as outlined in the December HELPER was discussed. It was decided to devote one half-hour of the next meeting to a parliamentary drill, using as a guide "Cushing's Manual." President requested each one present to give some item of interest which she had read during the month. Adjourned to meet March 3, 1893.

The method of adjournment varies. Sometimes it consists of a short prayer, sometimes singing, and at other times in repeating passages of Scripture in concert. The helpfulness of our W. M. societies can scarcely be estimated. The ladies are brought nearer each other, new friendships are formed, and older ones are more closely cemented as we talk about the needs of the world and compare the blessings in our homes with those in heathen lands. Our vision is broadened by the questions discussed and the items of information given at each meeting. Our knowledge of parliamentary usages is increased and made *practical*, and we believe that each meeting not only broadens our views of life, but helps to move efficient work in the Master's vineyard. Much enthusiasm is due to our president so wisely carrying out suggestions made in the HELPER. The children have caught the spirit and are working to support "Suli" in the Sinclair Orphanage. \$21.74 of the \$25 to be raised is in hand, and the remainder is expected at the next session of Sunday-school. This amount has been raised in the Sunday-school by birthday offerings and monthly collections in the S. S. Mission Bands. May our faith grow stronger, our consecration deeper, and our movements be steadily forward in every line of Christian work.

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IN MEMORIAM.

It is with quite deep regret we note the death of Mrs. Hannah K. Peirce of Abington, Mass. She was a beloved friend of the Woman's Missionary Society for many years. She contributed regularly twenty-five dollars a year for its work, and within two years has adopted one of the orphans of the Sinclair Orphanage. We remember so well her bright, sweet face at the General Conference in Lowell. She was always on hand whenever business of our Society was going on. It is a personal loss to our work; God grant her mantle may fall on some one of a spirit like her own.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Holden has been an interested and earnest worker in the missionary cause for many years. She was a charter member of the East Otisfield Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, which was organized July 2, 1873. She was a diligent reader of THE MISSIONARY HELPER from the earliest number until her death, which occurred on Monday, Feb. 20, 1893. Our Heavenly Father has seen fit in his divine goodness to call our beloved sister from an earthly to a heavenly home, and our Society has lost a valuable member—one whose heart and hand were ever ready for every good work; but, while we mourn her absence from our midst, we mourn her not as dead, but as having entered a higher existence where death is unknown and life eternal. Though we deeply feel her loss in our Society, let us not be discouraged, but, emulating her good works, press forward toward the home that awaits the faithful, patient toiler in Christ's vineyard.

ESTELLE O. KNIGHT, } Committee.
BETTIE E. KEMP, }

Over 6,000 women in the United States act as postmasters. The largest number in one State, 463, is in Pennsylvania, and 460 in Virginia. There are 256 in Ohio, 243 in New York, 216 in Georgia, 210 in Texas, and 209 in Kentucky. Alaska has only one.



HOW ONE BOX HELPED.

A LETTER from Mrs. Boyer acknowledging the receipt of some things sent by our Cheerful Helpers when Mrs. Smith went to India is too good to keep to myself. I want the HELPER to send it broadcast. She says:

"It was with great pleasure that I unpacked the things and noted how the patchwork was needed for my little boys to sew, the cards for my Hindu Sunday-school, and the print for my boys' jackets. One doll I have laid aside for a woman who lives away out in the country. She is an elderly married woman, but she was much pleased at the sight of my little girl's doll when I was last out in the country, and asked me to bring her one. That little present will open her heart to hear God's message from me. Nothing pleases my boys so much for Christmas as a bright piece of print for a jacket. In the Hindu Sunday-school the children will come regularly every Sunday for the sake of a gay advertisement card once a month. Thread, needles, pictures, print, pencils, etc., are very useful in my work, and I feel very grateful to the kind friends who sent them. I have in my care the boys' orphanage, the mission boys' school here, and a preacher, a colporteur, three Bible women, a little church, a school of forty pupils, and three teachers, all in the country thirty miles from here. My husband began work there and it has gone on beyond even his expectations; six people were baptized there New Year's Day."

Dear children of America, shall we not go right to work now gathering together such things as Mrs. Boyer speaks of, so as to send her and all the other missionaries a good quantity of useful and beautiful things for the children of India when our next missionary sails?

M. S. WATERMAN.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THANKS to the friends who have expressed appreciation of the April HELPER. Its legacy to this issue has been an increased number of pages of Words from Home Workers, to the crowding out of Practical Christian Living. The fact is we have so many departments for a small magazine that the editor often sits in dire dismay before the problem how to crowd fifty pages of material into thirty-six pages of space. Sometimes we are tempted to follow the fashion of symposiums. We have almost done so this time in giving the number of interesting articles on Storer. The Children's and Young People's departments keep up a kind of see-saw in their getting a chance to appear. We call especial attention to the questions given out in the Sioux Falls Auxiliary. Many societies can receive help thereby. Much help can be obtained from this number for Thank Offering meetings. Add to Financial Notes in the April number that total receipts of the society from organization to Aug. 3, 1892, were \$90,096.70. Be sure and observe a Thank Offering day sometime in May.

FINLAND is not behindhand in missionary work. The Free Church has already six mission halls in various parts of the country, and three others in course of erection. Twenty Sunday-schools are carried on with 1,800 scholars and one hundred teachers. Five missions to sailors are also established and supported solely by the Finnish people. The young Baroness Wrede, who some years ago commenced to visit the prisons of Finland, has now devoted her entire life to this form of Christian work, and spends weeks and sometimes months together with the prisoners in their cells, living on the same coarse food. Many have received the Gospel through her teaching.

LIFE without laughing is a dreary blank. A good laugh is sunshine in a house.—*Thackeray.*

MISSIONARY CONCERT EXERCISE.

THE following exercise, arranged by Miss Emma C. Gifford, will be loaned for one month on receipt of four cents postage. If preferred the printed exercises can be purchased at the prices stated below. See address on inside page of cover.

"All Can Help." A dialogue for nine little children.

"The Ragged Schools." A reading for young person. Price, 2 cts.

"Six Years Old." Poem for child.

"Hasten the Joyful Tidings." Solo and Chorus. Price, 3 cents.

"A Hasty Wish." Dialogue for three girls from ten to fifteen years old.

"How Five Girls Sent a Missionary." Reading for young lady. Price 1 cent.

"Money," A poem for a child.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for March, 1893.

MAINE.

Bangor ch.	\$2.85
Burnham, Mrs. Davis	1.00
do col. by Augusta Dodge	2.70
Corinna, Mrs. M. J. Coff	1.00
Clinton aux.	2.73
Dexter aux.	3.33
Edgecomb, Miss M. Holbrook	1.00
East Parsonsfield aux., for Sinclair Orphanage and on L. M. Mrs. Abbie L. Folsom	2.25
East Otisfield aux., Bible woman at Balasore	5.50
Exeter Q. M., col.	5.53
East Parsonsfield, Mrs. P. B. Allen bal. L. M. Mrs. Abbie L. Folsom	2.00
East Raymond aux., Sinclair Orphanage	5.00
East Livermore aux., F. M.	1.76
Fairfield aux.,	2.08
Madison Bridge	10.00
Oakland aux.	3.16
Palmyra, Mrs. Folsom50
Rockland, a friend, child in Sinclair Orphanage	25.00
Springfield aux., L. M. Mrs. Julia A. Caldwell	7.16
South Berwick aux., Miss Butts's salary	5.00
Thorndike aux., L. M. Mrs. Joseph Higgins	20.00
West Lebanon, estate of Mary A. Dearborn by the West Lebanon	

aux., a reserved fund to be used for F. M. and credited to the said aux. \$400.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord ch.	\$6.00
Dover aux., Washington St. ch.	3.15
North Danville, Mrs. M. M. Brewster	1.00
Pittsfield, Y. P. Miss. Soc. for school in India	13.00
Somersworth aux., Bessie Peckham sch. and on L. M. Mrs. Judith Young	15.00

VERMONT.

North Tunbridge ch., Mrs. Smith's salary	\$9.33
Waterbury, Mrs. L. S. Lougee Mrs. Smith's sal. \$2.00, H. M. \$1.00	3.00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Lowell aux., Chelmsford St. ch. for Sumatti \$6.25, Sayta \$5.00, and Rag. Sch. \$7.87	\$19.12
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RHODE ISLAND.

Block Island aux., Miss. H. Phillips \$2.50, Ind. Dep. \$2.50	\$5.00
Carolina aux., do \$2.00 do \$3.00	5.00
Pascoag, Y. P. Soc. do \$5.00 do \$3.75	8.75
Tiverton ch., do \$3.00, do \$3.25	6.25

Tiverton Orissa, Mis. Band do
\$12.50 do \$12.50 \$25.00

ILLINOIS.

Johnsville aux., for F. M. \$5.50
Middle Grove, Mrs. Wm. Tasker, 1.00

INDIANA.

La Grange aux., F. M. \$10.00

MICHIGAN.

Charlotte, a freewill offering for
H. M. \$2.00
Pittsford, Mrs. M. F. Cutler H.
and F. M. 4.00

MISSOURI.

Eldorado Springs Q. M. \$2.10

IOWA.

Aurora, Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs.
Miner's salary \$0.50
do aux., Compton aux., and
Central City aux. for Mrs.
Miner's salary 10.00

Strawberry Point, Mrs. M. I.
Scott \$0.50

MINNESOTA.

Champlin aux. \$12.00
Winona and Houston Q. M. aux.,
for F. M. 4.16

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, S. S. birthday offer-
ing and mission band col. for
Suli in Sinclair Orphanage . . . \$25.00

KANSAS.

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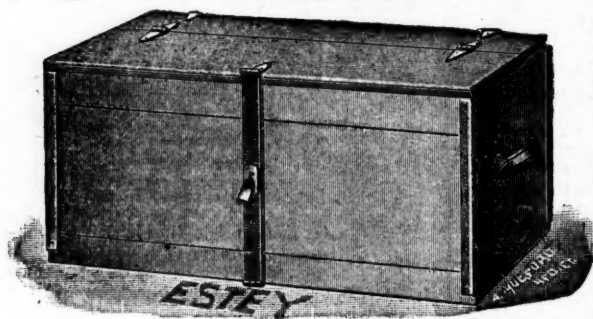
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
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